

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: April 29, 2000**

Markets were generally steady. Demand ranged fair to good, best where feature activity was in progress. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Parts interest was good for bone-in breast, moderate to good on the balance. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable.

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	33,219	33,210	49,028	115,457
Percentage	29%	29%	42%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	4,144	3.59
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	10,865	9.41
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	13,595	11.77
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	4,615	4.00
		33,219	28.77%

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Mar 18	184,064	101	147,949	101	181,901	102	145,644	103	148,354	96
Mar 25	183,658	100	147,468	101	180,679	102	144,326	103	155,206	105
Apr 01	184,506	101	149,943	103	181,734	103	145,858	104	156,244	101
Apr 08	186,869	102	147,258	103	179,169	101	143,311	101	153,585	98
Apr 15	186,921	102	148,220	102	178,533	100	141,374	99	154,848	101
Apr 22	186,410	102	147,771	102	178,059	99	141,126	98	146,562	95
Apr 29	184,064	100	149,009	101	178,218	98	142,475	97	152,156	104
May 06	182,563	100	150,152	103	183,373	101	147,869	101	156,250	103

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 05/15/00

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York Grade A Ice-packed	52.61	51.78	54.88
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	46.06	46.25	57.53
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	61.34	61.00	64.48
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	56.03	55.76	61.02
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	56.33	56.12	58.71
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	32.59	33.19	47.92

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered) 05/12/00</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB) 05/12/00</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB) 05/15/00</u>
Breast - B/S	134.38	130.60	136.00
Tenderloins	149.68	160.00	---
Breast - Line Run	60.14	60.74	69.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	19.82	15.83	18.50
Wings	58.84	43.83	50.00

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